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**CHAPTER XVIII.**  
(Continued)

**I** NEVER notice it myself," he said. "Very easily that is because I see beyond these withered fragments into the prehistoric world from whence they come. I sit here alone sometimes, and the curtain rolls up, and I find myself back in one of those far corners of South Africa, or even in a certain spot in East Africa, and I can almost fancy that time rolls back like an unwinding reel and there are no secrets into which I may not look. And then the moment passes and I remember that this dry-as-dust world is shrieking always for proofs—this extraordinary conglomeration of human animals in weird attire, with monstrous tastes and extraordinary habits, who make up that what they call the civilized world. Civilized!"

They reached the study and Quest produced his cigar case.

"Can't imagine any world that existed before tobacco," he remarked, after a long silence. "Help yourself, professor. Sir, it does not seem to me that we were all completely cured."

"It has been four months since we were cured, and there are no traces of the trouble."

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